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H.R. No. 28

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of JoEarl Morris of Georgetown on March
2 31, 2004, at the age of 84, has brought a profound loss to the family
3 and many friends of this loved and respected Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Burkeburnett, Texas, on June 14, 1919, to
5 Earl and Dorothy Polk Morris, Mr. Morris grew up in southern
6 Arkansas and displayed a keen sense of business at a young age; Mr.
7 Morris began his career with Emsco Co. in Freer, Texas, at the age
8 of 19 and soon became the store's manager; just two years later, he
9 was named manager of Emsco's South Texas region, a testament to his
10 diligence, professionalism, and ambition; and

11 WHEREAS, Shortly after his promotion, Mr. Morris put his life
12 on hold to enlist in the Army Air Corps, where he bravely served his
13 country flying with the 392nd Bomber Group; as group lead
14 navigator, this valiant soldier flew in 25 B-24 bombing missions
15 over Europe and rose to the rank of major for his courage and
16 devotion to duty; and

17 WHEREAS, After returning to the United States, Mr. Morris
18 resumed his work with Emsco, serving with pride and distinction
19 until his retirement in 1987 from the position of director of sales
20 for the Duratech Products Division of the company, a post which took
21 him all over the world; and

22 WHEREAS, Devoted to his wife, Martha, his children, Brad and
23 Alan, and his four grandchildren, Mr. Morris was also a real "people
24 person", and his gregarious nature no doubt helped to earn him his

1 success in sales and the lasting affection of many people; and

2 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to know JoEarl Morris will
3 remember his zest for life and his love of family and community;
4 although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the
5 hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
9 life of JoEarl Morris and that deepest sympathy be extended to the
10 members of his family: to his wife, Martha Morris; to his sons, Brad
11 and Alan Morris; to his daughters-in-law, Marilyn Marshall Jones
12 and Julie Ann Roberts; to his grandchildren, Calvin, Christopher,
13 Hannah, and Sam; and to the many friends and relatives of this
14 accomplished gentleman; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of JoEarl
18 Morris.